(b) The Central Government in partnership with the States is implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the Mid-Day Meal Programme and the Teacher Education Programme for universalisation of elementary education and to provide education of satisfactory quality.

Evaluation of Mid-day Meal

175. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received a report from the CAG in March, 2007, that evaluation of Mid-Day Meal in primary schools has shown continuous fall in quantity of meal, the promised 450 calories as prescribed in revised recipe by Government, is ignored, the objective of minimizing drop-outs from school is not achieved, etc.; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures have been taken to tide over these deficiencies in the existing schools and in the new schools, where the scheme has been introduced during 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No report from CAG on Mid Day Meal was received by the Government in March, 2007.

Regulation of foreign schools and institutions

176. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to formulate a new policy to regulate foreign schools and institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether their course contents would also be regulated, to suit the Indian environment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) A committee consisting of representatives of Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), Council of Board of School Education (COBSE), National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and eminent educationists, was constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in February, 2006 to suggest a policy, *inter-alia*, regarding setting up of schools affiliated to foreign boards in India and appointment of foreign teachers in such schools. The recommendations of the Committee, *inter-alia*, relate to designation of a school as "International" school, affiliation to foreign Boards, appointment of foreign teachers and matter relating to curriculum. The recommendations are under consideration of the Government.